


Balkan Delight

12 Days

3 Countries

17 Meals

The secrets of Balkan travel are revealed on this jam-packed eastern Europe trip. Go underground and learn how Sarajevo once relied on its Bosnian War Tunnel, see the bridge of peace rebuilt with salvaged stone and explore Adriatic beauty, from Dubrovnik to Kotor.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Zagreb, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Split, Trogir, and Plitvice National Park with a Local Specialist
- **Visit** the War Tunnel in Sarajevo and Diocletian's Palace in Split
- **View** the Cathedral in Zagreb, the Rector's Palace and city walls in Dubrovnik and the lakes and waterfalls of Plitvice National Park

Day

- 1 Welcome to Zagreb** Embark on an epic discovery of the Balkans, a once-troubled region and today a land of diverse cultures and traditions. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. **(WR) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn**
- 2 Explore Historic Zagreb** The paved squares and steep alleyways of Zagreb are ours to explore this morning as we join a *Local Specialist* to delve into the city's rich history. See the majestic cathedral on Kaptol and St. Mark's Church, with its vividly coloured tiled roof. Admire the Opera House, then take a stroll around the 17th-century Ban Jelačić Square. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own – enjoy panoramic city views from Strossmayer promenade, pay tribute to Zagreb's patron saint at the Stone Gate or wander through the Old Town. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Kumrovec, birthplace of the iconic leader Tito and enjoy a delicious meal of regional specialities with magnificent views of the Croatian countryside. **(B)**
- 3 Journey to Sarajevo** We journey to Sarajevo, whose rich religious and multicultural heritage has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Its centuries-old religious history is reflected in its beautiful synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox and Catholic churches. Delving into the depths below Sarajevo, we join a *Local Specialist* for an insider tour of the Bosnian war tunnel which allowed food, war supplies and humanitarian aid to come into the city, and people to get out. Hear war-time tales of bravery and tragedy. This evening, join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Novotel Bristol**
- 4 Uncover Sarajevo's Secrets** Join a *Local Specialist* for a guided walking tour of the city's Old Town, past the largest mosque in the Balkans, the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city as a stark reminder of the turmoil Sarajevo endured decades ago. During your free time this afternoon perhaps ramble along Copper Street seeking treasures, or drink from the fountain of Sebilj to secure your return to Sarajevo. **(B)**
- 5 Along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik** We journey to the secluded coves and dramatic cliffs of the Dalmatian coast. En route to Dubrovnik, the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', we stop at the magnificent Mostar Bridge. A *Local Specialist* will provide tales of this impressive bridge over the Neretva River and the bridge keepers who watched over it in medieval times - giving Mostar its name. Enjoy some free time to explore the town, before continuing to the ancient city of Dubrovnik. This evening, consider joining a private sunset cruise with dinner, enjoying the best views of this enchanting city from the water. **(B) Hotel: Ariston**
- 6 Discover Picturesque Dubrovnik** Stroll through the limestone streets of this stunning medieval city, joining a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights of Dubrovnik with a *Local Specialist*. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Consider taking a walk along the top of the city walls. This evening, we *Connect With Locals* and travel to a traditional tavern overlooking the Dubrovnik Hills and meet the Knez family for a wonderful *Be My Guest* experience. **(B, BMG, ☺)**



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- 7 A Day in Montenegro** Dazzling natural surrounds are ours to enjoy today as we travel to the Republic of Montenegro, where we will meet a *Local Specialist* and head towards the mouth of the Bay of Kotor. Celebrate centuries of history in Kotor, with its Venetian palaces and medieval churches. We return to Dubrovnik this evening and dine at our hotel. **(B, D)**
- 8 Onwards to Split** We pass old fishing villages and modern resorts, arriving in the vibrant city of Split. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a *Local Specialist* featuring the historic inner city. *Dive Into Culture* and admire the façades of Diocletian's Palace, which today forms half of the Old Town of Split. See the city's Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. **(B, 🏛️) Hotel: Corner**
- 9 Split Your Way** Indulge in a full free day to discover Split on your terms. Ascend the bell tower for magnificent views of the sprawling terracotta roofs that edge onto the Adriatic or consider a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian islands. **(B)**
- 10 Admire Trogir's Architecture and on to Plitvice** This morning, we visit the walled island of Trogir with a *Local Specialist*. The stone town is a boon for lovers of art and Renaissance, Baroque and Romanesque architecture. We leave the coast and journey to the forested National Park of Plitvice, where we will dine tonight at our hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Jezero**
- 11 Return to Zagreb** Plitvice's multitude of lakes and waterfalls are explored today on a walking tour with a *Local Specialist*. On this *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience, you'll be enchanted by the exquisite beauty of this UNESCO-listed natural wonder. We return to Zagreb for a final Farewell Dinner together, reminiscing over an unforgettable Balkan exploration. **(B, FD, 🍷) Hotel: Westin**
- 12 Farewell Zagreb** Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

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2024

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